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1. ACCORDING TO ROBIN O'NEILL (ASSISTANT SECRETARY, CABINET OFFICE), CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT WAS NON-COMMITTAL ON THE QUESTION OF BRITAIN'S EC BUDGET CONTRIBUTION DURING HIS TALKS WITH THE BRITISH HERE LAST WEEKEND.

2. O'NEILL SAID THAT WILSON ELABORATED THE UK'S POSITION AT LENGTH, STRESSING THE DOMESTIC POLITICAL IMPORTANCE OF A SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT. SCHMIDT DID NOT RULE OUT
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THE POSSIBILITY OF A CHANGE IN THE BUDGET SYSTEM, BUT

HE REFRAINED FROM COMMITTING HIMSELF TO ANY PARTICULAR SOLUTION, AND GAVE NO INDICATION OF HOW FRG WOULD APPROACH THIS ISSUE IN FORTHCOMING EC DISCUSSIONS. DESPITE THE LACK OF ANY TANGIBLE PROGRESS, O'NEILL WAS AT LEAST SATISFIED THAT THE GERMANS NOW UNDERSTAND THE BRITISH POSITION MORE FULLY.

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